

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Please amend claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 11, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 24 and 35 as shown.

Please add new claim 36.

1. (currently amended): An elastomeric film comprising ~~at least one or more layers~~ layer and having a total thickness of from about 1 mil to about 15 mil, wherein ~~the at least one of said one or more layers~~ layer of said film comprises from about 0.1 to about 10% by weight of an anti-skid additive, wherein the anti-skid additive has a particle size of between 50 and 500 microns and mierons, does not melt or has a melt temperature greater than 500 °F, and ~~does not induce lensing or micro-perforation formation in the elastomeric film both during formation and use of the film~~

wherein said elastomeric film is such that:

(i) a first sample of said elastomeric film having a width of 1 inch and a length of 8 inches has an elastic force of at least 97 psi at 600 seconds following a stretching cycle, said stretching cycle including stretching said first sample in the transverse direction to 50% elongation at a velocity of 20 inch/min and returning to 25% elongation, and

(ii) a second sample of said elastomeric film having a width of 1 inch and a length of 8 inches exhibits an elongation of at least 6% following application of an average stress of 1000 psi to said second sample for 120 seconds.

2. (original): The elastomeric film according to claim 1, wherein the film comprises between 2 and 11 layers and each layer makes up from 5 to 95% of the total thickness.

3. (currently amended): The elastomeric film according to claim 1, wherein ~~the at least one layer~~ comprises 10 to 100% of an ethylene-vinyl acetate (EVA) copolymer.

4. (original): The elastomeric film according to claim 3, wherein the EVA copolymer is selected from the group consisting of pure EVA copolymer having from 2 to 45% vinyl acetate by weight.

5. (currently amended): The elastomeric film according to claim 3, wherein each EVA copolymer-containing layer or layers ~~the at least one layer~~ comprises 10 to 95% of the EVA copolymer.

6. (original): The elastomeric film according to claim 3, wherein the at least one layer comprises 25 to 85% of the EVA copolymer.

7. (currently amended): The elastomeric film according to claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ at least one layer comprises a polyolefin plastomer (POP) having a density of 0.910 g/cm^3 or lower.

8. (original): The elastomeric film according to claim 7, wherein the POP is a metallocene catalyzed copolymer having a density of less than or equal to 0.910 g/cm^3 and a melt index of from 0.1 to 30 g/10 minutes.

9. (previously presented): The elastomeric film according to claim 7, wherein the POP is a Ziegler-Natta-catalyzed copolymer having a density of less than or equal to 0.910 g/cm^3 and a melt index between 0.1 and 30 g/10 minutes.

10. (original): The elastomeric film according to claim 7, wherein the POP is a copolymer of ethylene and a $\text{C}_4\text{-C}_{20}$ alpha-olefin.

11. (currently amended): The elastomeric film according to claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ at least one layer comprises 5 to 100% of a copolymer of linear low density polyethylene (LLDPE) having a density of greater than 0.910 g/cm^3 .

12. (original): The elastomeric film according to claim 11, wherein the copolymer of LLDPE is a pure copolymer of a C₄-C₂₀ alpha-olefin.

13. (original): The elastomeric film according to claim 11, wherein the copolymer of LLDPE has a melt index between 0.1 and 30 g/10 min.

14. (currently amended): The elastomeric film according to claim 11, wherein each LLDPE copolymer-containing layer or layers ~~the at least one layer~~ comprises 10 to 95% of the copolymer of LLDPE.

15. (currently amended): The elastomeric film according to claim 14, wherein each LLDPE copolymer-containing layer or layers ~~the at least one layer~~ comprises 15 to 75% of the copolymer of LLDPE.

16. (currently amended): The elastomeric film according to claim 1, wherein ~~the at least one layer~~ comprises 5 to 100% of low density polyethylene (LDPE) having a density between 0.910 and 0.930 g/cm³.

17. (previously presented): The elastomeric film according to claim 16, wherein the LDPE has a melt index of from 0.1 to 30 g/10 minutes.

18. (currently amended): The elastomeric film according to claim 16, wherein each LDPE-containing layer or layers ~~the at least one layer~~ comprises 10 to 95% of the LDPE.

19. (currently amended): The elastomeric film according to claim 16, wherein each LDPE-containing layer or layers ~~the at least one layer~~ comprises 15 to 75% of the LDPE.

20. (currently amended): The elastomeric film according to claim 1, wherein ~~the at least one layer~~ comprises a combination of at least two of resins selected from the group consisting of EVA copolymer, POP, LLDPE and LDPE.

21. (original): The elastomeric film according to claim 1, wherein the anti-skid additive has a particle size between 60 and 250 microns.

22. (original): The elastomeric film according to claim 21, wherein the anti-skid additive has a particle size between 60 and 180 microns.

23. (original): The elastomeric film according to claim 1, wherein the anti-skid additive is an ultra high molecular weight polyethylene (UHMWPE).

24. (currently amended): The elastomeric film according to claim 1, wherein the at least one layer comprises a UV stabilizer, a pigment, a slip agent, a blocking agent, an antistatic agent or any combination thereof.

25. (original): The elastomeric film according to claim 1, wherein the film consists of three layers that are an inside layer, a core layer and an outside layer.

26. (previously presented): The elastomeric film according to claim 25, wherein:

- (a) the inside layer is 15% of the total thickness and comprises ethylene vinyl acetate (EVA) copolymer having 6.5% vinyl acetate by weight, linear low density polyethylene LLDPE hexene copolymer, carbon black, calcium carbonate, UV stabilizer and antistatic additive;
- (b) the core layer is 70% of the total thickness and comprises EVA copolymer having 6.5% vinyl acetate by weight, polyethylene copolymer of hexene produced using a Ziegler-Natta catalyst, titanium dioxide, UV stabilizer and antistatic additive; and
- (c) the outside layer is 15% of the total thickness and comprises EVA copolymer having 6.5% vinyl acetate by weight, polyethylene copolymer of hexene produced using a Ziegler-Natta catalyst, titanium dioxide, UV stabilizer, fluorelastomer and the anti-skid additive.

27-28 (cancelled).

29. (previously presented): The elastomeric film according to claim 25, wherein:

- (a) the inside layer is 20% of the total thickness and comprises 100% linear low density polyethylene (LLDPE);
- (b) the core layer is 60% of the total thickness and comprises 100% LLDPE; and
- (c) the outside layer is 20% of the total thickness and comprises 100% LLDPE.

30. (original): The elastomeric film according to claim 1, wherein the film is in the form of a pre-folded U-film, J-film, tube or gusseted film.

31. (previously presented): The elastomeric film according to claim 30 which is a pre-folded gusseted film having a first film panel and a second opposing film panel, a closed edge and a parallel open edge extending along the length opposite the closed edge, wherein the first and the second opposing film panels are connected at the closed edge and the gusset is formed along the length of the film at the closed edge.

32. (original): The elastomeric film according to claim 31, wherein the parallel open edge of the film corresponds to an edge of the first film panel and an edge of the second film panel and an inwardly folded lip is formed at each edge of the film panels.

33-34. (cancelled).

35. (currently amended): An elastomeric film comprising ~~at least one~~ or more layers ~~layer~~ and having a total thickness of from about 1 mil to about 15 mil, wherein ~~the~~ at least one of said one or more layers ~~layer of said film~~ comprises from about 0.1 to about 10% by weight of an anti-skid additive dispersed within the at least one layer, wherein the anti-skid additive has a particle size of between 50 and 500 microns, does not melt or has a melt temperature greater than 500 °F, and ~~does not induce lensing or micro-perforation formation in the elastomeric film both during formation and use of the film~~ wherein said elastomeric film is such that:

(i) a first sample of said elastomeric film having a width of 1 inch and a length of 8 inches has an elastic force of at least 97 psi at 600 seconds following a stretching cycle, said stretching cycle including stretching said first sample in the transverse direction to 50% elongation at a velocity of 20 inch/min and returning to 25% elongation, and

(ii) a second sample of said elastomeric film having a width of 1 inch and a length of 8 inches exhibits an elongation of at least 6% following application of an average stress of 1000 psi to said second sample for 120 seconds.

36. (new): An elastomeric film comprising one or more layers and having a total thickness of from about 1 mil to about 15 mil, wherein at least one of said one or more layers comprises from about 0.1 to about 10% by weight of an anti-skid additive, wherein the anti-skid additive has a particle size of between 50 and 500 microns and does not melt or has a melt temperature greater than 500 °F, does not induce lensing or micro-perforation formation in the elastomeric film both during formation and use of the film, and wherein said elastomeric film is such that:

(i) a first sample of said elastomeric film having a width of 1 inch and a length of 8 inches has an elastic force of at least 97 psi at 600 seconds following a stretching cycle, said stretching cycle including stretching said first sample in the transverse direction to 50% elongation at a velocity of 20 inch/min and returning to 25% elongation, and

(ii) a second sample of said elastomeric film having a width of 1 inch and a length of 8 inches exhibits an elongation of at least 6% following application of an average stress of 1000 psi to said second sample for 120 seconds.